

PREPARES FOR NEW FORM OF CITY RULE

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tax of \$5 per mile of express companies, with an additional tax of \$1,000 on those companies engaged in the transportation of liquor.

The encouragement of local libraries is the object of a bill introduced in the House by Mr. Jennings. He would have a State organizer appointed, whose duty it would be to travel over the State and advise communities to organize new libraries. He would also consult with local authorities as to the best methods of conducting the institutions. In fact, it would be the public library expert of the State, devoting all his time to the cultivation among the people of a taste for better literature.

SENATE

After convening at the accustomed hour, the Senate consumed but little time before cutting into the calendar and advancing bills.

Favorable reports were received on the following bills: The Byrd bill providing certain fees for the State Corporation Commission; the bill of Senator Elam's timber tax bill; state-wide prohibition petitions were presented, signed by citizens of Bedford, Rockbridge and Rockingham counties.

"Are those petitions typewritten or manuscript?" asked Senator Folkes. "Were they drawn up by a mass-meeting right at the typewriter, or was it a mass-meeting composed of a mass of people? What evidence have we as to the genuineness of such petitions if they are typewritten entirely and marked 'copy'?" If you are going to let in such documents as these, then the other side can do likewise. If it is just typewritten petitions you want, you can go and get the poll-tax law and fix it up with all the petitions you please.

The question about the petition is: Are we getting a can of condensed milk, or are we getting a gallon of cow's milk? We are living in the age of purity of the ballot box, and here in the Senate we ought to have the same principle at work in regard to petitions."

President Eliason said that petitions typewritten were admissible.

The following bills then received the final assent of the Senate: Senator Strother's bill amending the present law as to State depositories, including banks not hitherto in the act; the bill providing for an election on the dispensary question at Waverly, Sussex county; Senator King's bill providing that the bond of the Sheriff of Richmond shall not exceed \$20,000; the House bill authorizing the town of Norfolk to borrow money, and issue bonds therefor; the bill of Senator Elam's timber tax bill; the bill permitting ex-army and navy surgeons to practice in the State without taking the examinations for surgeons; Senator Ward's bill in regard to authorizing the trustees of the Gravel Spring Evangelical Lutheran Church in Frederick county to receive a certain donation; the bill of Senator Elam's timber tax bill; the bill amending and continuing in force the act to provide a retirement fund for public school teachers.

Eight unopposed Senate bills went to third reading, many others being passed by or objected to.

On motion of Senator Wickham, the Senate adjourned at 1:50 o'clock.

HOUSE

When the Senate bills came to the House at the opening of the session yesterday, the Fletcher equalization bill was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the Sunday Interstate train bill to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

The Committee for Courts of Justice reported the Williams bill providing for a revision of the Code, with a recommendation that it be passed. Judge Williams said that he had left the matter to the judgment of the committee, and since its decision was unfavorable, he would not move that the bill be dismissed without the expense of printing. On request of Mr. Stubbs he withdrew his motion.

In this connection, Chairman Page said that the bill for the same purpose, but by a different means, presented by the State Bar Association, has been also unfavorably acted upon. On motion of Mr. Bowman, of Roanoke, it was ordered that electric lights be placed in the House similar to those just put in the Senate. Mr. Page inquired if the bill for the same purpose had been passed. Mr. Bowman said it had.

The calendar was taken up, and the following bills were finally passed:

To authorize the school board of Grafton District, in York county, to borrow money for school purposes.

Patron, Mr. Stephens, of New Kent.

To establish a public free school on the grounds of the Negro Reformatory Association of Virginia, in Hanover county.

Patron, Mr. Wiegman.

To ratify a contract for the sale of a lot between the Southwestern State Hospital and D. Hutton. Patron, Mr. Wiegman.

To allow the Boards of Supervisors of counties, by a recorded vote, to adopt the road laws of any other county.

Patron, Mr. Stephens, of New Kent.

To authorize the Board of Supervisors and turnpike companies to contract for the laying of water pipe lines along highways. Patron, Mr. Stephens, of Bath.

To amend the road law of Charlotte county. Patron, Mr. Adams.

To amend the road law of Madison county. Patron, Mr. Utz.

To authorize turnpike companies to make changes in alignments. Patron, Mr. Stephens, of Bath.

To regulate the compensation of clerks of courts in making lists of tax-paid voters. Patron, Mr. Johnston, of Montgomery.

New Normal School.

To establish a Normal and Industrial School for white women in the city of Richmond. Patron, Mr. Johnston, of Montgomery.

To amend the law regulating the taking of oysters between Dameron's



Tried Remedy For the Grip.

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS

NOT GENUINE UNLESS IT BEGINS WITH THIS MARK

Marshes and Fleet's Point Lighthouse.

Patron, Mr. Utz.

To amend the charter of the city of Bristol. Patrons, Messrs. McChesney and Buck.

To require the Commissioner of Insurance to collect an annual license tax of \$100 on insurance brokers. Patron, Mr. Baker, by request.

To require fees to be paid to the sealer of weights and measures instead of to the superintendent. Patron, Mr. Lion.

To allow charters of eleemosynary institutions to be amended. Patron, Mr. Bowman, of Roanoke.

For the protection and care of cocaine and other drug addicts or habitual drunkards. Patron, Mr. Myers.

To amend the road law of Campbell county. Patron, Mr. Nelson.

To prohibit the hiring of horses with intent to defraud. Patrons, Messrs. Taliaferro and Utz.

Home for Epileptics.

To establish the Virginia State Epileptic Colony. Patrons, Messrs. Jennings and Myers.

To appropriate \$250 for the erection of a tablet to John's Church in memory of Patrick Henry. Patron, Mr. Bell.

To allow affirmation instead of oath in cases of religious conviction against swearing. Patron, Mr. Good.

To make the real estate year conform to the tax year, and requiring clerks to make list of transfers on February 1 instead of January 1. Patron, Mr. Bowman, of Roanoke.

To amend the road law of Loudoun county. Patron, Mr. Daniel.

To confer upon the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun county all authority vested in "local road authorities" under the act providing State cash aid to roads. Patron, Mr. Daniel.

Senate Bills Advanced.

The following Senate bills were passed to their third reading:

To amend the law referring to the issuance of marriage licenses.

To submit to the voters of Winchester the question of issuing bonds for a city water supply.

To provide for the issuing of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvement.

To regulate the holding of elections on bond issues for road improvement.

The Throckmorton bill, establishing a uniform system of accounting and for the appointment of a State accountant to examine the books of State officers, was objected to on the ground that the Constitution requires that the Commissioner of Hospitals shall have charge of keeping the accounts of insane hospitals. Mr. Throckmorton amended his bill so as to not give the accountant absolute authority over hospitals. The vote was Ayes, 47; Nays, 15.

A motion was made to reconsider, and to pass by, which was adopted, and the bill will come up again tomorrow.

At 2:06 the House adjourned.

Senate Bills

By Mr. Gunter: A bill to amend and re-enact section 367 of the Code of Virginia.

By Mr. Kessel: A bill regarding the issuing of licenses to citizens of this State for the purpose of procuring policies in unlicensed foreign companies; imposing a tax upon the gross receipts from such policies, and making it a misdemeanor for any person to adjust a loss on a contract issued by an unauthorized company in violation of this act.

By Mr. Folkes: A bill to release to the counties and cities of the State the State taxes on lands and lots, and to prescribe what shall be done with said taxes by the several counties and cities.

By Mr. Carter: A bill to provide for the payment of \$50 to the Confederate Memorial Association of Gordonsville, Va., for which the Auditor was instructed to draw a warrant upon the Treasurer of the State for the year 1907, pursuant to Act of the General Assembly, 1906, but which was not received by the said memorial association.

By Mr. Halsey: A bill to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 annually to the sinking fund for the purpose of extinguishing the public debt of Virginia.

By Mr. Halsey: A bill to provide and make accessible to the public the authority of local boards and officers of authority or fidelity companies doing business in the State.

To Committee on Courts of Justice.

By Mr. Brown: A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 5, 1904, entitled an act to provide for the release of contracts for the sale of personal property, devised under section 342 of the Code of Virginia, approved February 25, 1900.

By Mr. Utz: A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia, and providing for publishing said amendment and certifying the same to the next session of the General Assembly.

By Mr. Whitehead: A bill to amend and re-enact section 4021 of the Code, and to amend a re-enact section 4023 of the Code,

ness in the State as surety in official or other bonds and obligations and acting in the execution of such obligations through the instrumentality of local boards or officers, and to fix the terms of continuance of the powers of such local boards or officers.

By Mr. Halsey: A bill to amend and re-enact section 26 of chapter 3 of an act, entitled an act concerning the Bureau of Insurance.

By Mr. Hart: A bill to amend and re-enact section 142 of the Code, as heretofore amended, in reference to donations for schools, so as to extend its provisions to devices and bequests and to make it apply to private schools; to provide for additional settlements of the accounts of such boards.

By Mr. Halsey: A bill to appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of developing a State organizer for the development of public libraries in Virginia.

By Mr. Elam: A bill to amend and re-enact section 367, 368 and 369, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 135 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 19, 1904, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 117, inclusive, of an act approved April 15, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 135 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 19, 1904, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 117, inclusive, of an act approved April 15, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, 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